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MANUFACTURE AND APPLICATION OF  
EXTRACTS FROM THE ELDER TREE.

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**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by Charles Napoleon Wilcox at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 26th February 1853.

*(Void by reason of notice to proceed not having been given within the 5 time prescribed by the Act.)*

I, CHARLES NAPOLEON WILCOX, of Islington, in the County of Middlesex, Manufacturing Chemist, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for “**IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURE AND APPLICATION OF CERTAIN EXTRACTS OBTAINED FROM THE ELDER TREE**” to be as follows:—

It relates, firstly, to a peculiar preparation of extracts from elder-tree leaves and flowers; and,

Secondly, in combinations of fatty matters with such vegetable extracts.

15 For the better understanding of my processes I shall now proceed to give a particular description thereof.

To obtain the extractive matter from the leaves of the elder tree I first steam them, and, when in a sufficiently pulpy state, I subject them to the pressure of an hydraulic or other press; or, I sometimes simmer  
20 the leaves in fresh clean fat until the extractive matter is separated. To operate on the flowers of the elder tree I recommend their being merely simmered in the fat, as in the previous process.

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*Wilcox's Manufacture, &c., of Extracts from the Elder Tree.*

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The extract obtained from the elder-tree leaves by hot water or steam may be combined with elaine, or with the fats usually employed for pomades and other like preparations, and in any desired proportions.

Although I have thus described only the preparation of these extracts by two processes, I would have it understood that other liquids and 5 other fats or oils may be employed with the like effect, and producing similar results; also that the extracts themselves may be combined with fancy soaps, and with medicated and other unctuous materials. I therefore do not restrict myself in any of these particulars, or in the proportions of each to be combined, which may be variously modified. 10 But what I do especially claim as my Invention, I declare to be—

First, the mode of preparing the extracts of the elder tree; and,

Second, the combinations of oleagenous or fatty matters with the said extracts.

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